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FROM: DA01/David A. King

SUBJECT: Key Personnel Announcement

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Paul A. Gilbert to the Senior Executive Service position of Manager, Science Programs and Projects Office (SPPO), Science and Mission Systems Office, Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC). As SPPO Manager, Mr. Gilbert will lead the implementation of all MSFC programs and projects funded by NASA's Science Mission Directorate.

Mr. Gilbert joined NASA in 1990 after working for the Tennessee Valley Authority for several years where he supervised teams supporting three major nuclear plants. His first position with NASA was as Assistant Mission Manager for the U.S. Microgravity Laboratory (USML)-1 Spacelab mission. Since then, Mr. Gilbert has served in a broad array of leadership positions, including USML-2 Mission Manager; International Space Station (ISS) Integration Manager; Manager, Express Rack Office; Manager, Multiuser Payloads Group; System Operation Integration Element Manager, Orbital Space Plane Program; Integration Manager, Discovery and New Frontiers Program (D&NF); and Discovery, New Frontiers, and Lunar Science Program Manager.

As Integration Manager for the D&NF Program, Mr. Gilbert established the program office structure and implementation philosophy necessary to effectively operate complex planetary science programs that included missions with lifecycle costs ranging from \$325 million to over \$1 billion. As Program Manager for the Discovery, New Frontiers, and Lunar Science Program Office since February 2006, Mr. Gilbert has managed the multi-faceted work of a program office which includes three major space science programs encompassing ten space science projects with a five-year budget in excess of \$3 billion.

For his contributions and dedication to the Nation's space program, Mr. Gilbert has received numerous honors, including NASA's Outstanding Leadership Medal, an MSFC Certificate of Appreciation, a Director's Commendation, NASA's Exceptional Achievement Medal, an ISS Program Award, and the prestigious Silver Snoopy Award. He holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

I know I can count on you to give Mr. Gilbert your full cooperation and support in his new assignment.

*Original signed by and dated January 14, 2009*

David A. King  
Director

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